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SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Every member is requested to preserve this "Supplement," which contains matters specially referred to Divisions, until the subjects have been discussed by the Division to which he belongs. BY ORDER.

MATTERS REFERRED TO DIVISIONS.

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING AT SHEFFIELD.

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH, OR SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

THE following Notices of Motion have been received for discussion by the Annual Representative Meeting of the Association, to be held at Sheffield, July 24th (or 25th), 1908, and following days.

NOTICES AFFECTING THE PROPOSED CHARTER.

Federations of the Branches.

By the Wandsworth Division (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That should Counsel consider it necessary, in order to allow of the formation and recognition of Federations of Branches at Home and in the Colonies as part of the constitution of the Association, a clause be inserted in the Charter or Ordinances.

Voting in the Representative Meeting.

By the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That Ordinances 15, 16, and 17 of Draft Charter be so amended as to include the following:

That in order to make any resolution effective under Ordinances 15, 16, and 17, (*a*) An attendance of at least two-thirds of the accredited Representatives should be necessary. (*b*) A majority of two-thirds of the votes taken on a vote by card should be necessary. (*c*) An attendance of at least two-thirds of the members of the Central Council should be necessary at any meeting called to consider any such question; with (*d*) a majority of two-thirds of the votes taken on a vote by card of such meeting of the Council. (*e*) The Central Council should hold such meeting within twenty-four hours of the resolution being passed by the Representative Body, and must then decide whether they will refer the subject for reconsideration, which must be done within twenty-four hours of coming to such a decision, or whether they will accept it as a decision of the Association. (*f*) If the question is referred, and the subject matter of such referred resolution has been duly published not less than two months previously, it should only be necessary, in order that the resolution be carried and become a decision of the Association, for conditions (*a*) and (*b*) to have been again fulfilled at the subsequent Representative Meeting. (*g*) If the subject-matter of such referred resolution has *not* been duly published not less than two months previously, and on reference to the Representative Body it is again carried, conditions (*a*) and (*b*) being fulfilled, then the Central Council should meet again within seven days and decide if they will take a Referendum or allow the resolution to become a decision of the Association, conditions (*c*) and (*d*) having to be fulfilled by the Central Council if they decide on a Referendum. (*h*) If a Referendum is taken, the report from Divisions outside the United Kingdom should be by cablegram duly certified by the President of the meeting at which the vote is taken.

By-law 24 (1).—Eligibility as Representative.

By the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

By-law 24 (1): Add at end, "No person shall be eligible for election as a Representative who is not a

member of the Association at the date of his nomination."

By-law 36.

By the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

(i) That the members elected to represent the Royal Navy, Army, and Indian Medical Services should be elected by the Representative Body on the recommendation of the Central Council and for such period not exceeding three years as the Central Council may decide.

(ii) That the Central Council should consist of the following sets of members: (*a*) Six *Ex-officio* members, (*b*) Three Service members, (*c*) Twenty-four Home members elected by Grouped Branches, (*d*) Twelve Home members elected by Grouped Representatives, and (*e*) Eight Colonial members.

(iii) That there should be the following Grouping of Branches, with the accompanying Representation on the Central Council (See Appendix).

NOTICES AFFECTING THE REGULATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Standing Orders of the Representative Meeting.

By the WESTMINSTER DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

In connexion with the revised Standing Orders which the Organization Committee has been instructed to prepare for the consideration of the meeting with regard to the reception and consideration of the reports of Committees,

To move: That the Division notes with satisfaction that the Representative Meeting has decided to revise its Standing Orders as to the reception and consideration of the Reports of Committees, and has referred to the Organization Committee the duty of preparing suitable Standing Orders for the purpose, as they feel that no business should be discussed, nor vote taken upon important questions by the Representative Meetings, unless such business and questions and the agenda of all Representative Meetings shall have been submitted to the Divisions at least one month prior to the assembly of a Representative Meeting.

NOTICES AFFECTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Annual List of Members.

By the ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That it be an instruction to the Council of the Association to publish the Annual List of Members of the Association (By-law 6), in such a way that a copy may be obtainable by every member who desires to possess the same.

NOTICES AFFECTING THE POLICY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Putney Hospital.

By the RICHMOND DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That the Representative Body of the British Medical Association, having been informed that after a canvass of the members of the medical profession practising within the near neighbourhood of the proposed Putney Hospital site, as to their acceptance of the subjoined resolutions,* the result was a unanimous approval in Fulham (51 signatures) as also in Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen (16 signatures) and in Southfields (11 signatures), and that in Putney 38 approved out of 45, cordially approves of these resolutions, as also of the declaration signed, and considers that any registered medical practitioner who acts otherwise than therein indicated will be doing so in a manner injurious to the interest of the medical profession.

* See page 131.

APPENDIX.

(Schedule referred to in Notice of Motion by Wandsworth Division.)

Group.	Number of Members.	Branches Included.		Number of Divisions Included.	Number of Representatives Returned.	Central Council.		
		No.	Names.			Present Seats.	To be Returned by Grouped Branches.	To be Returned by Grouped Representatives.
Scottish	1,885	9	Aberdeen, Border Counties, Dundee, Edinburgh, Fife, Glasgow, Northern Counties, Perth, Stirling	24	21	8	4	1
Irish	908	5	Connaught, Leinster, Munster, South-Eastern, Ulster	22	10	5	4	1
Welsh	838	3	North, Mid-Wales, South	9	9	4	*1	1
Northern ..	802	2	North of England, North Lancashire	19	11	2	1	1
Lancashire and Cheshire	1,627	1	—	30	23	4	2	1
Yorkshire ..	792	1	—	10	8	2	1	1
Eastern	716	3	Cambridge, East Anglia, East York	13	8	2	1	1
Midland	1,480	4	Birmingham, Midland, South Midland, Staffordshire	19	14	5	2	1
Metropolitan ...	2,684	1	—	15	14	5	4	1
South-Eastern ...	1,258	1	—	20	12	3	1	1
Southern... ...	717	2	Southern, Oxford	10	7	3	1	1
Western	713	4	Bath, Gloucester, W. Somerset, Worcester	7	6	3	1	} 1
South-Western..	662	2	South-Western, Dorset	8	6	3	1	
Australian ...	1,327	5	S. Australia, W. Australia, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	—	1	2	1	—
Canadian ...	1,339	5	Halifax, Montreal, St. John, Saskatchewan, Toronto	—	—	1	1	—
Indian	401	4	Bombay, Colombo, South Indian and Madras, Burmah	—	—	2	1	—
Mediterranean ..	199	3	Egyptian, Gibraltar, Malta and Mediterranean	—	—	1	1	—
New Zealand ...	325	1	—	6	—	—	1	—
South African ...	450	6	Cape of Good Hope (Eastern Prov.), Border, Griqualand West, Cape of Good Hope (Western Prov.), Natal, Transvaal	—	1	1	1	—
East Indian ...	185	2	Hong-Kong (with China), Malaya	—	—	1	1	—
West Indian ..	163	6	Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, Jamaica, Leeward Isles, Trinidad (with Tobago)	—	—	—	1	—

* If considered desirable Wales to have 2, when Western and South-Western will be grouped to elect One member.

By direction of the Chairman of Representative Meetings,

J. SMITH WHITAKER, *Medical Secretary.*

March 26th, 1908.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH:

NORTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Lowestoft Hospital on Friday, March 6th, at 3.30 p.m., Dr. BERRY in the chair. Eleven members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Code of Etiquette, etc.—The following resolution was proposed by Dr. BELL, seconded by Dr. EVANS, and carried *nem. con.*:

> That Draft Rules 14 and 16—the Code of Etiquette and Scale of Fees—shall be adopted as resolutions to apply throughout the area of the Lowestoft Section.

At a previous special meeting, held on February 6th, it was proposed that these resolutions should be adopted to apply throughout the Division area. Letters were read from members resident in Beccles and Bungay, which showed the impossibility of adopting these resolutions to apply throughout the Division area; hence, in accordance with Rule C. of the Bradford Division notice of the above resolution was sent to every member of the Division more than seven days before the meeting, and more than five-sixths of the members signified in writing their approval of the resolution.

Discussion.—Dr. WORTHINGTON introduced a discussion on the treatment of *ante-partum* haemorrhage, in which the majority of the members present took part. Cases and specimens were shown by Drs. BELL and EVANS.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

NORTH MANCHESTER DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Thursday, March 19th, at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, Dr. LEE in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after the names of those taking part in the last meeting were added, at the suggestion of Dr. BROADBENT.

Confirmation of Rules.—The SECRETARY reported the confirmation of the Bradford Rules as modified by the Division, with the exception of the proposed addition to Rule Z.

Contract Practice Difficulty.—A member of the Division reported that a club was pressing him to accept the wives and families of members at the same rate as the men. The following resolution was proposed by Dr. BROADBENT, seconded by Dr. PALANQUE, and carried unanimously:

> This Division considers that Contract Practice for women and children is derogatory to the profession, and that no arrangement for such should be made by any member of the Division.

A copy of this resolution to be sent to the club secretary.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The suggestions of the Medico-Political Committee were agreed to without addition.

The Term "Hospital."—The following addition to the suggested definition was proposed by Dr. BROADBENT, seconded by Dr. LEE, and carried unanimously:

> That it has the approval of the local medical men.

Life Insurance.—The questions on life insurance referred to the Division were answered as follows:

1. Too numerous to specify.
2. Yes.
3. Some full, some short.
4. Yes; industrial policies for examining the chest and for hernia, with very short certificate.
5. Yes.
6. No.
7. No.
8. Schedule B at 10s. 6d.
9. For purely industrial insurances 2s. 6d. might be accepted for Schedule C if so altered as to make it clear that only a short modified examination is required.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

CITY AND WALTHAMSTOW DIVISIONS.

A CONJOINT meeting of the City and Walthamstow Divisions was held on Tuesday, March 10th, at the Walthamstow Hospital at 4 p.m. Dr. FOWLER was in the chair; two members of the City Division, twelve of the Walthamstow Division, and two visitors attended.

Physical Signs in Healthy and Diseased Lungs.—A paper on some puzzling physical signs in healthy and diseased lungs was delivered by Dr. LAURISTON SHAW. The paper held the closest attention of those present all through, and aroused considerable discussion. Dr. Shaw took the signs in healthy lungs first under three divisions:—(1) The vast difference in different subjects of the normal breath sounds; (2) difference in the same subject between the auscultatory sounds in right and left apices; (3) lung bruit in heart sounds. In diseased lungs he also gave examples under three headings:—(1) Persistence of physical signs in lung after pneumonia: (*a*) Empyema, (*b*) pre-existing lesions; (2) exploratory anomalies; (3) fallacious cavity signs. A discussion followed, in which Drs. BODILLY, WISE, SHADWELL, PRICE and BERRILL took part. Dr. SHAW replied.

Vote of Thanks.—A vote of thanks, proposed by Dr. FOWLER and seconded by Dr. SOUTHCOMBE (City Division), was unanimously voted to Dr. Shaw. This terminated the conjoint meeting.

WALTHAMSTOW DIVISION.

The Walthamstow members then held a separate meeting for business purposes.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Hampstead General Hospital.—A letter from the Hampstead Division was next considered, and the following resolution, proposed by Dr. BERRILL and seconded by Dr. SHADWELL, was unanimously passed:

> That the sympathy and support of this Division be accorded to the Hampstead Division in their struggle with the Hampstead Hospital authorities, that the Secretary write to the Hampstead Division to this effect, and that the Representatives be instructed to support the Hampstead Division by vote in the Branch Council.

Workmen's Compensation Act and Hospital Patients.—The memorandum issued by the Branch Council on the situation created by the Workmen's Compensation Act with regard to hospital patients was then considered, and answers given to the questions as desired, and the meeting terminated.

RICHMOND DIVISION.

South-West London Medical Hospital Committee.

AT a meeting of this Division held on March 11th the following resolutions were passed:

"*Resolution A.*—That this Division approves of the interim report of the South-West London Medical Hospital Committee and of the steps taken to organize professional opinion, and considers:

(i) That the conditions Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 enumerated below should be fundamental to the constitution of the proposed hospital.

(ii) That condition No. 5 states the only satisfactory manner in which representation of the medical profession's interest can be obtained.

(iii) That any registered medical practitioner who countenances or aids the erection of any hospital, or acts on the staff of or uses any hospital when erected, before the South-West London Medical Hospital Committee reports that the negotiations have had a definite and satisfactory result will act in a manner injurious to the interests of the medical profession.

And authorizes the South-West London Medical Hospital Committee to take such steps as it may consider desirable to organize lay opinion in the matter, and to continue its present endeavours in behalf of those members of the medical profession who are members of this Division.

"*Conditions.*—(1) That there is no necessity in Putney for a large general hospital on the lines of the West London Hospital, nor ever will be. (2) That a small general hospital on the cottage hospital lines would meet the needs of the parish of Putney. (3) That at such a hospital there should be no arrangements made for the treatment of out-patients. (4) That

there should be recognition of the principle that the number of non-paying beds should not be greater than the needs of the district or the resources of endowment. (5) That there should be adequate directly-elected representation of the medical profession on the present and any future Committee formed to deal with the question of conduct of a hospital in Putney."

"*Resolution A2.*—That a copy of the above resolution be sent to the proposed Putney Hospital Committee, the South-West London Medical Hospital Committee, the Central Council of the Association, the Central Hospitals Committee of the Association, as also to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL and the *Lancet*."

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Branch was held in the Board Room of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Thursday, March 12th. There were between fifty and sixty of the members present. Dr. COX, President, occupied the chair.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The purpose of the meeting was to consider the question of the medical inspection of school children. The PRESIDENT, at the outset, wished it to be thoroughly understood by the meeting that they were assembled there merely to ventilate the subject, and whatever resolution they should pass that afternoon the same would not, and could not, be in any way binding on the Divisions. Dr. C. R. STEWART (Gateshead), in opening the discussion, moved:

That, in the opinion of this meeting of the North of England Branch of the British Medical Association, the proposed system of medical inspection of school children, if carried out by general practitioners, will be a great danger to the status of the majority of practitioners, for the following reasons:

1. It would establish a few as specialists in diseases of children to the detriment of the many.
2. It would tend to cause endless friction between the holders of these posts and the general practitioners.
3. That the order clearly points to the fact that the education authority shall in time undertake treatment.

The existence of these dangers renders it essential, first, that this inspection should be carried out by men holding whole-time appointments, and, secondly, that no man appointed to one of these posts should at any time undertake treatment.

Dr. ROBSON of Alnwick seconded the resolution. Dr. TODD (Sunderland) then moved the following amendment to the first part of the resolution:

That where possible the appointment of medical inspection of school children should be given to general practitioners.

In proposing this amendment, Dr. Todd said if the whole-time appointments were made it was only the thin end of the wedge, and they would soon all become State-paid servants. Dr. MODLIN (Sunderland), in seconding the amendment, said his Division in Sunderland had stood to a man against the education authorities who, some year or more ago, wished to appoint a whole-time limit, and, what was more, had defeated them. Dr. CAMPBELL (Newcastle) thought it would be a stepping-stone to making specialists in diseases of children. Dr. FARQUHARSON (Newcastle) said that if they adopted the resolution they were taking a retrograde step. The ratepayers should have a say in the matter, and it was only fair that their interest should be looked after. Dr. HILL (Medical Officer, Durham County), in supporting the motion, said they must consider that there was a vast difference between the town and country districts. If full-time inspectors were not appointed the work would devolve on the local medical officer of health in country districts, for the medical practitioner in the country would not take such appointment. This would be very serious for the health officer, who would find it quite impossible to do the work efficiently. Dr. DICKIE, speaking for his own Division (Hartlepool), could say they were entirely in favour of whole time appointment. The question was then put. For amendment 7, against 15. The latter half of the resolution was then discussed, namely, that no man appointed to one of these posts should at any time undertake treatment. The voting was as follows: For resolution 16, against 3. Owing to the prolongation of the discussion a number of the members had to leave the meeting for their trains before the question was put, hence the small proportion of those originally present voting.

☞ *To ensure the insertion of notices in this column, they must be received at the Central Offices of the Association not later than the first post on Tuesday.*

Association Notices.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, April 29th, in the Board Room of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, by kind permission of the Board. The offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board are situate on the Victoria Embankment at the corner of Carmelite Street and near Blackfriars Bridge.

GUY ELLISTON,
General Secretary.

March 26th, 1908.

THE LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

OWING to the rebuilding of the Association premises in the Strand the Library is closed, but at the Temporary Offices of the Association, 6, Catherine Street, Strand (adjoining Drury Lane Theatre), a Reading and Writing Room is provided. The Room will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it will be closed at 2 p.m.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The spring meeting of this Branch will be held at Beccles on Thursday, April 9th. Members wishing to read papers or show cases or specimens should communicate at once with Dr. Gutch, Ipswich (Secretary for Suffolk).—B. A. NICHOLSON, General Secretary of Branch.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.—The spring meeting will be held in the King's Arms Hotel, Melrose, on the afternoon of Thursday, April 2nd, at 3.30 o'clock.—W. HALL CALVERT, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.—The next general meeting of this Division will be held at the Greenbank Hotel, near Northwich, on Thursday, April 9th, at 4.50 p.m.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—A meeting of the Standing Committee on Division and Branch Organization and Finance will be held on Wednesday, April 1st, at 4.30 p.m., at 3, St. Peter's Square, Manchester.—F. CHARLES LARKIN, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: RICHMOND DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held on Wednesday, April 8th, at 8.30, at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, when Mr. W. T. Lister, B.A., F.R.C.S., will present a communication on Glaucoma and Iritis, with lantern illustrations and cases. On Wednesday, May 13th, the annual meeting and dinner will be held at 6.30 at the Sun Hotel, Kingston. In order to add to the interest and clinical character of these meetings, members are asked to show cases or report on them at any of the meetings with or without notice.—CHARLES BLAIR, F.R.C.S., Matson Lodge, Richmond; A. E. EVANS, D.P.H., Eastcroft, Kingston Hill, Honorary Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held in the Board Room, University College Hospital, W.C., at 4 o'clock, on Tuesday, April 7th. Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., will read a paper on Caries of the Spine and Allied Conditions. Visitors cordially welcomed.—WILLIAM GRIFFITH, Honorary Secretary, 1, Chester Gate, Regent's Park, N.W.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: FOLKESTONE DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held at the house of the Honorary Secretary, 14, Manor Road, Folkestone, on Thursday, April 2nd, at 8.30 p.m. Agenda: Minutes. Matters referred to Divisions (see SUPPLEMENT, February 22nd): (*a*) Report as to proposed definition of the word "hospital"; (*b*) report on life insurance examination.—P. VERNON DODD, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch will be held at the Adelphi Hotel, Waterford, on April 1st, at 3 o'clock. Agenda: 1. Minutes. 2. Letters. 3. Correspondence. 4. Adjourned consideration of procedure in ethical cases. 5. Nomination of officers of Branch for ensuing year. 6. Any other business.—J. QUIRKE, Honorary Secretary, Piltown.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A MEETING of the Central Midwives Board was held at Caxton House, Westminster, on March 19th, with Dr. F. H. CHAMPNEYS in the chair.

Payment to Medical Men Called in by Midwives.

Mr. J. WARD COUSINS moved:

That as no arrangement for the payment of fees to medical men summoned to assist certified midwives has been made satisfactory to the medical practitioners of the country, the time has arrived for the Board to reconsider the question, with special reference to the efficient operation of the Midwives Act, 1902.

He said that the Central Midwives Board should reconsider the question of payment to medical men summoned to assist certified midwives. All the great medical colleges and corporations, and the British Medical Association, were of opinion that the Board should reconsider the question. Certain places like Liverpool, Manchester, and Birmingham had arranged for the payment of fees to medical men summoned to assist certified midwives, but no method of dealing with the question would be sufficient unless it applied to the whole of the area under the control of the Board. Medical men would never be satisfied with the partial suggestions contained in the circular of the Local Government Board dated the 29th July, 1907, addressed to all Boards of Guardians. In that circular the Local Government Board intimated that if the guardians would only be kind and liberal, and pay medical men called in by midwives if the guardians thought fit, then there would be an end to the difficulty, and the doctors would have nothing to complain about. But there was no evidence that those directions to the guardians had produced results in any way satisfactory to the medical profession. His own feeling was that if anything was done it must be done by the Central Midwives Board. By the third section of the Midwives Act it was provided that the duties and powers of the Board shall be to do any act or duty which might be necessary for the due and proper carrying out of the provisions of the Act, and he maintained that it was impossible for the Act to be successfully carried out unless the difficulty in regard to the payment of medical men summoned by midwives was fairly met. If the Act was not carried out it was the poor women and children of this country that would suffer. In 1910 all the old Sairey Gamps would be cut off from the practice of midwifery, and unless provision was made for the payment of medical men the certified midwives would be left without assistance, for it was absurd to expect doctors to attend cases for nothing. The suggestion that the difficulty could be met by an amendment of the Midwives Act was useless, because there was not the slightest prospect of that coming about. It seemed to him therefore that the Central Midwives Board must find a solution of the difficulty, and must arrange for another interview with the Local Government Board. To leave the question of the payment of medical men to the Boards of Guardians was futile, for Boards of Guardians would not think fit to pay the fees. From his experience of guardians, if the question of a fee to a doctor was before them it would be discussed for hours and nothing would be done. The whole matter would assume a different aspect if the Local Government Board ordered Boards of Guardians to pay the fees of medical men directing that the applications for such payments should be made to the guardians through the local supervising authorities. The important point was that the Central Midwives Board should draw up a fair scale of fees for medical men called in by certified midwives and then interview the Local Government Board and explain the difficulties attending the working of the Midwives Act. In that way a great deal of good would be produced, and he hoped by that means the breach between medical men and midwives would be healed.

Mr. PARKER YOUNG, in seconding the motion, said that the Government ought to take the matter up. The Act ought to run smoothly instead of being, as it was at present, unworkable. The Government ought to make proper provision for the payment of medical men, and the matter ought not to be left to the decision of the guardians whether they thought fit to pay or not. If the motion was carried they could go to Mr. John Burns, who was a fair man, and discuss it with him.

Dr. ATKINSON suggested that the words, "and certified midwives," should be added after the word "practitioners," and this was accepted by the mover and seconder of the motion.

The CHAIRMAN said that they had reason to be grateful to the Local Government Board for issuing the circular of July 29th, 1907. The circular did not solve the whole question, but it was, at any rate, a recognition that something ought to be done. More was required than had been done, but it was not in accordance with facts to state that the Central Midwives Board had not done anything in regard to this question of payment of medical men. The following record, taken by the Secretary, Mr. Duncan, from the minutes of the Board, showed how much attention and care the Board had expended on that important subject. The Chairman then read out the following:

On February 25th, 1904, it was moved by Mr. Parker Young, seconded by Mr Ward Cousins, and unanimously resolved, that inasmuch as no provision is made in the Midwives Act, 1902, for the payment of legally-qualified medical practitioners, the Government be requested to take the necessary steps for amending the Act by introducing a section or otherwise to provide for the payment of legally-qualified medical practitioners when called in by midwives in difficult cases. Resolved further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Privy Council. Resolved also that the Secretary do include this resolution in the summary of the proceedings of the Board as supplied by him to the press.

On November 24th, 1904, a letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association, enclosing a copy of a letter addressed by the Branch to the London County Council, with accompanying pamphlet, and asking for the co-operation of the Board with the London County Council in obtaining powers from Parliament to pay registered medical practitioners when called in by midwives in emergencies. It was moved by Mr. Parker Young, seconded by Mr. Ward Cousins, and unanimously resolved, that the Honorary Secretary of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association be informed (1) that this Board agrees that statutory provision should be made for the payment of the services of a registered medical practitioner when called in by a midwife in accordance with the Rules of the Board; (2) that the Board has already forwarded a resolution to this effect to the Privy Council.

On July 26th, 1906, a letter was read from the Clerk of the London County Council enclosing copy of a letter from a certified midwife as to the payment of fees to medical practitioners when summoned in cases of emergency. Resolved, that the London County Council be informed that the Board has repeatedly urged the amendment of the Midwives Act so as to provide for the payment of such fees, and that in some cases Boards of Guardians pay such fees, where the poverty of the patient appears to justify such a course, without insisting on the order of the relieving officer being obtained beforehand.

On June 27th, 1907, the adjourned consideration of the report of the Midwives Act Amendment Committee was then proceeded with. Resolved, that provision should be made for the payment out of public funds of reasonable fees to medical practitioners sent for in emergencies in accordance with the Rules of the Board, with power to recover such fees from the patient or other person responsible, in suitable cases.

On November 28th, 1907, a letter was read from Dr. W. P. T. Daniel, of 273, Cable Street, London, E., forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of medical men residing in the parish of St. George's-in-the-East and neighbourhood, declaring their intention, after November 30th, not to proceed to any case of parturition, etc., occurring in the parish on the requisition of a midwife, unless a minimum fee on one guinea is guaranteed either by the guardians or by the Central Midwives Board. Resolved: (*a*) That a copy of the correspondence be sent to the Privy Council, pointing out the difficulties and dangers of the situation, and suggesting that a copy of the Local Government Board's circular on the subject, dated July 29th, 1907, should be forwarded to every medical practitioner in England and Wales. (*b*) That the Board's action in the matter be communicated to Dr. Daniel, and that he be informed that the Board has no power to pay fees in such cases.

The Privy Council had adopted the Board's suggestion that a copy of the Local Government Board's circular should be forwarded to every medical practitioner in England and Wales in a modified form. They had omitted the names of those medical practitioners residing in certain streets in the large towns, where only consultants could be reasonably expected to be found. In addition to this, the matter had been the subject of continual conversation between the officials of the Privy Council on the one side, and the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board on the other. The point that ought to be understood was that the omission in the Act could

only be cured by fresh legislation, and although that had been repeatedly urged upon the Privy Council it had not hitherto seen its way to undertake it. The Board, therefore, had not neglected its duties in regard to the subject. Mr. Parker Young took a gloomy view about the Midwives Act being unworkable; in a sense it was so, but in spite of certain clogs on its wheels the Act had been worked, though they all agreed it was not working as it ought. Midwives must be supplemented, and medical men must be paid, and when that was done it would not be a long time before it would be a profitable expenditure, and would put money in the pockets of the country by securing the health of the women and the children. The Central Midwives Board must indicate to the proper authorities in what way the Act should be amended. A step in the right direction had been made by the issue of the circular of the Local Government Board, and it was of great importance because a great principle was thus accepted.

Mr. WARD COUSINS said the Board had not done enough, and the difficulty had not been overcome which rendered the working of the Act impossible.

The CHAIRMAN here explained that it must not be understood that he was in any way opposed to the motion proposed by Mr. Ward Cousins.

Mr. WARD COUSINS, resuming, said that if the Board voted for the motion then the Board must interview Mr. John Burns.

The motion was then put with the addition mentioned above, and carried unanimously.

The question of formulating definite proposals to be submitted to the Privy Council and the Local Government Board was referred to the Standing Committee.

Convictions of Midwives.

A letter was received from the Under Secretary of State for the Home Department, informing the Board that the chief constables of counties and boroughs, and the Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis and of the City of London, had been requested to report convictions of midwives direct to the Board.

Midwives Roll.

A letter was received from the Clerk of the Privy Council, stating that the Treasury had authorized the Controller of His Majesty's Stationery Office to arrange with the Board for the supply of copies of the Midwives Roll of 1908, and to distribute the same to the coroners of England and Wales.

Examinations.

A letter was considered from the Devon and Cornwall Training School for Nurses, asking the Board to hold an examination at Plymouth. It was decided that the request be refused, the probable number of candidates being at present insufficient to warrant the holding of an examination at Plymouth, but when the attendance of twenty candidates could be guaranteed the Board would reconsider the matter.

Midwives' Name Plates.

A letter was considered from the Clerk of the London County Council as to the construction of Rule E 26, and it was decided that the London County Council be informed that the amendment of Rule E 26 having been dealt with, the Board does not propose to reopen the question at present.

Coombe Hospital.

A letter was received from the Registrar of the Coombe Hospital Dublin, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Governors of the hospital, requesting the Central Midwives Board to reinstate the Coombe Hospital as an approved training school, and it was decided that the request be granted, and that the name of the Coombe Hospital, Dublin, be replaced in the list of approved training schools. The Chairman also stated that the Central Midwives Board had reason to be satisfied with the straightforward way in which the authorities of Coombe Hospital had met the Board in regard to their representations.

Infection.

A letter was considered from Dr. H. Handford, County Medical Officer for Notts, as to the construction of Rules E 1 and 5, which deal with directions to midwives concerning their duties to patient and child and their obligations with regard to disinfection, etc. It was decided that Dr. Handford be informed that the case of a midwife suffering from septic ulcers or kindred complaints appeared to fall within the terms of Rules E 1 and 5, or might be dealt with by the local sanitary authority under the Public Health Acts.

The Training and Supply of Midwives.

The Board affirmed the following propositions, and decided to forward a copy of them to the Privy Council.

1. That midwives (who are "a necessity") will be unable to make a living in many localities without extraneous aid.
2. That such localities are very often exactly those in which their presence is most necessary from the poverty and (in some cases) the sparseness of the population.
3. That voluntary contributions cannot be relied upon to supply the whole of the necessary financial aid.
4. That for this purpose a Government grant is a necessity.
5. That if such a grant were provided, a representative Council of competent persons should be appointed to administer the fund thus constituted.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON H. L. GEOGHEGAN, M.D., is promoted to be Staff Surgeon, from May 15th, 1907. He was appointed Surgeon, May 15th, 1899.

Surgeon HARRY M. LANGDALE has been appointed to the *Triton*, on recommissioning, March 23rd; and Surgeon ALFRED W. TREDELL, to the *Victory*, undated.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

COLONEL F. B MACLEAN, who is serving in India, has been appointed Principal Medical Officer Aden Brigade.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. W. THIELE, M.B., retires on retired pay, March 21st. He was appointed Surgeon, July 30th, 1881; Surgeon-Major, July 30th, 1893; and Lieutenant Colonel, July 30th, 1901. He served in the South African war in 1899-1902, and was present at the relief of Ladysmith and the action at Colenso; he was also in the operations on the Tugela Heights, in the action at Pieters Hill, and in operations in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony; he has received the Queen's medal with five clasps and the King's medal with two clasps.

Major W. H HORROCKS, M.B., returned from Gibraltar, has been appointed Sanitary Officer in London, in place of Major J. C. Weir, M.B., appointed for duty at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Major A. PEARSE has been appointed Senior Medical Officer, Sierra Leone, vice Major J. Girvin.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN E. W. LIVESEY to be Surgeon-Major, March 14th.

IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

CAMPBELL T. FOX to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the Royal East Kent (the Duke of Connaught's Own) Regiment, February 26th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant E. M KNOTT, Northamptonshire Regiment, resigns his commission, February 24th.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (VOLUNTEERS)

SURGEON-MAJOR J. M. MOIR, M.D., the Highland Regiment, to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, February 10th.

Surgeon-Captain T. STEVENSON, M.B., 2nd Lancashire Regiment, to be Surgeon-Major, March 3rd.

VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN W. RICHARDSON, M.D, 7th (Isle of Man) Volunteer Battalion the King's (Liverpool Regiment), to be Surgeon-Major, February 13th.

Surgeon-Captain E. P. A. MARIETTE, M.B., 2nd (Prince of Wales's) Volunteer Battalion the Devonshire Regiment, to be Surgeon-Major, February 18th.

ALFRED ALEXANDER to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st Cinque Ports Volunteer Rifle Corps, February 24th.

The undermentioned gentlemen to be Surgeon-Lieutenants in the 1st Volunteer Battalion the Durham Light Infantry, from the dates specified: DOUGLAS V. HAIG, M.D., January 30th: DAVID L FISHER, M.B., January 31st; GEORGE G FARQUHAR, M.B., February 1st.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (VOLUNTEERS).

THE following announcement is substituted for that which appeared in the *London Gazette* of September 3rd, 1907: GEORGE L. L. LAWSON (late Surgeon-Captain, 6th Regiment Imperial Bushmen, New South Wales), to be Lieutenant in the London Companies, June 1st, 1907.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,663 births and 5,257 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, March 21st The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 17.3, 17.6, and 17.2 per 1 000 in the three preceding weeks, further declined to 16.9 per 1,000 last week. The rates in the several towns ranged from 8.8 in Great Yarmouth, 9.0 in Hornsey, 10 3 in York, 10.5 in Aston Manor, 10.6 in East Ham and in Wolverhampton, and 10 9 in Reading to 22.7 in Tynemouth, 23.3 in Norwich, 24 9 in Oldham, 25.0 in St. Helens and in Wigan, 25.2 in Bootle, 25.7 in Middlesbrough, and 27.6 in Hanley. In London the rate of mortality was 15 8 per 1,000, while it averaged 17.3 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1 3 per 1,000 in the seventy-six large

towns; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.1 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the death-rates from the principal infectious diseases ranged upwards to 2.9 in Stockton-on-Tees, 3.0 in Smethwick and in Wallasey, 4.0 in Burnley, 4.3 in Rhondda, 4.8 in Salford, and 6.6 in Warrington. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.1 in Swansea, 1.4 in Halifax and in South Shields, 1.7 in Croydon, 2.0 in Burnley, 2.2 in Preston, 2.4 in Salford, 2.9 in Stockton-on-Tees, and 3.1 in Rhondda; diphtheria of 1.5 in Bournemouth, in Smethwick, and in Warrington; and whooping-cough of 1.1 in Walsall, 1.4 in Merthyr Tydfil, 1.5 in Hanley, in Birmingham, and in Bootle, 1.9 in Reading, 2.0 in Newport (Mon.), 2.3 in Sunderland, 3.0 in Wallasey, and 5.1 in Warrington. The mortality from scarlet fever, from enteric fever, and from diarrhoea showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The number of scarlet fever cases under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 3,674, 3,587, and 3,429 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further declined to 3,356 at the end of last week; 378 new cases were admitted during the week, against 383, 345, and 312 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, 949 births and 652 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 19.2, 19.3, and 20.3 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further declined last week to 18.5 per 1,000, but was 1.6 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 14.6 in Edinburgh and 15.2 in Aberdeen to 21.3 in Dundee and 22.2 in Perth. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 2.4 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow and Leith. The 342 deaths registered in Glasgow included 30 which were referred to measles, 3 to scarlet fever, 13 to whooping-cough, and 6 to diarrhoea. Five fatal cases of measles and 3 of whooping-cough were recorded in Edinburgh; 3 of whooping cough and 4 of diarrhoea in Dundee; 2 of diarrhoea in Aberdeen; and 3 of whooping-cough in Leith and 2 in Greenock.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, March 14th, 523 births and 487 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 570 births and 509 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 23.5, 22.4, and 29.8 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 29.1 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 11.9 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate for the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 19.5 in Londonderry and 24.8 in Dublin to 35.5 in Limerick and 37.6 in Waterford. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 1.8 per 1,000, or 0.9 per 1,000 lower than during the preceding period, the highest figure, 3.9, being recorded in Waterford. In Dublin there were 7 deaths from influenza, the records for the previous three weeks being 10, 9, and 7.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

ABERDARE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—School Medical Officer. Salary, £220, rising to £250 per annum.

AYR DISTRICT ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

BEDFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £60 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £100 per annum.

BROMSGROVE: BARNSLEY HALL ASYLUM.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

CAMBRIDGE BOROUGH.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £500 per annum.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ETC., ASYLUM, Fulbourn.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £70 per annum.

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Two Assistants to the Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £350 per annum each.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, N.E.—(1) House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £50 per annum. (2) Clinical Assistant. (3) Physician to Out-patients.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT ASYLUM.—Second Assistant Physician. Salary, £120 per annum.

EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.—Resident Surgical Officer at the Kasr-el-Ainy Hospital. Salary, £250 per annum.

HASTINGS, ST. LEONARDS AND EAST SUSSEX HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Honorarium, £20 for six months.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—Resident House Physicians. Honorarium, £25 for six months.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—(1) House-Physician; (2) House-Surgeon; (3) Assistant Casualty Medical Officer. Salary, £20 each for six months, and washing allowance.

LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES.—Assistant Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

LONDON FEVER HOSPITAL, Liverpool Road, N.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

MANCHESTER VICTORIA MEMORIAL JEWISH HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Remuneration at the rate of £50 per annum.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—Second and Third Assistants to the Director of the Cancer Research Laboratories. Salary, £150 and £100 per annum respectively.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYTIC AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Registrar. Salary, £110.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

ST. GEORGE'S UNION.—Medical Officer for No. 2 District. Salary, £100 per annum.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Honorary Surgeon for the Pendleton Branch Dispensary.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, GREENWICH, S.E.—(1) Two House-Physicians. (2) Two House-Surgeons. Salary, £50 per annum each.

SHREWSBURY: SALOP INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Surgeon; (2) House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £100 and £50 per annum respectively.

SOUTHPORT INFIRMARY.—(1) Resident Senior House-Surgeon. (2) Junior House and Visiting Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £90 and £70 per annum respectively.

SOUTH SHIELDS: INGHAM INFIRMARY AND SOUTH SHIELDS AND WESTOE DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £90 per annum.

SOUTHWARK UNION INFIRMARY.—Assistant Male Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

STAFFORD: STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £82 per annum.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Four Assistant Medical Officers. Salary, £250 per annum each.

TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL.—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

WALSALL COUNTY BOROUGH.—School Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum.

WARRINGTON COUNTY BOROUGH.—(1) Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £125 per annum. (2) Locum Tenens to act temporarily as Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary at the rate of £125 per annum.

WEST HAM COUNTY BOROUGH.—Two Medical Inspectors of School Children. Salary, £250, rising to £300 per annum each.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

YORK DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces vacancies at Doneraile, co. Cork; Turriff, co. Aberdeen; Erith, co. Kent; Lynton, co. Devon; Worthen, co. Salop; Loftus, co. York.

APPOINTMENTS.

EDINBURGH ROYAL INFIRMARY.—The following appointments have been made:

James Young, M.B., Ch.B., clinical tutor to Mr. Cathcart.

Resident House-Physicians: C. A. Thelander, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Greenfield; A. P. Mitchell, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Wyllie; S. Forrest, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Bramwell; G. Henderson, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Gibson; W. K. Macdonald, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Bruce; F. L. Scott, M.B., Ch.B., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., to Dr. Philip; D. M. Barcroft, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Russell.

Resident House-Surgeons: J. Fraser, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Dowden, Wards 7, 8, and 9; A. F. Hewat, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Chiene, C.B.; A. E. Chisholm, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Cotterill; H. B. Thomson, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Cathcart; W. L. Gordon, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Caird; J. E. Murray, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Hodsdon; A. I. Shepheard-Walwyn, M.B., Ch.B.; W. S. Robertson, M.B., Ch.B.; and A. G. H. Smart, M.B., Ch.B., to the surgical out-patient department.

Non-Resident House-Physician: L. F. Bianchi, M.R.C.P.Edin., D.P.H., to Dr. Lovell Gulland.

Non-Resident House-Surgeons: C. H. Derksen, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. G. Mackay; W. B. Hendry, L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., to Dr. Logan Turner; A. M'Kendrick, F.R.C.S.Edin., to Mr. Miles.

Clinical Assistants: L. H. F. Thatcher, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Wyllie; W. G. Cobb, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Bramwell; D. K. Henderson, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Bruce; S. Jackson, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Philip; A. Fleming, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Lovell Gulland (M.W.R.); W. D. Osler, M.B., C.M., to Dr. Fleming (M.W.R.); S. T. Champtaloup, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. H. Rainy (M.W.R.); A. E. Turnbull, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Dowden, Wards 7, 8, and 9; J. A. Jamieson, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Chiene, C.B.; G. J. Luyt, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Hodsdon; J. D. Bowie, M.B., Ch.B.; and R. O. Godsall, M.B., Ch.M., to Dr. Logan Turner.

Resident Medical Officer at the Convalescent House: R. St. C. Steuart, M.B., Ch.B.

ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—The following have been appointed Resident Medical Officers:

Alan Macdonald Dick, M.B., Ch.B.; Sydney Buxton Legge, M.B., Ch.B.; Charles McNeill, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., and W. A. Welsh, M.B., Ch.B.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH.

BENNETT-JONES.—On March 22nd, at 73, Sheil Road, Liverpool, the wife of W. J. Bennett-Jones, M.D., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

ARCHIBALD.—On March 23rd, John Archibald, M.D., of 89, Wimborne Road, Bournemouth, in his 63rd year. Funeral from Biggar Station on Thursday, March 26th, at 12.20 p.m. This is the only intimation and invitation.

ATTFIELD.—On March 23rd, at San Remo, Italy, in his 42nd year, after suffering for five years from consumption and recently influenza, Donald Harvey Attfield, M.A., M.B., formerly Medical Officer of Health at Watford, and afterwards for several years Chief Maritime Medical Officer of Health for the Egyptian Government at Suez, son of Professor Attfield, F.R.S., of Watford. Friends please accept this, the only, intimation.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m.—Second Lumleian Lecture by Sir James Sawyer: Points of Practice in Maladies of the Heart.

THURSDAY.

NORTH-EAST LONDON CLINICAL SOCIETY, Prince of Wales' Hospital, Tottenham, 4.15 p.m.—Discussion on Anaesthetics in General Practice.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m.—Third Lumleian Lecture by Sir James Sawyer: Points of Practice in Maladies of the Heart.

FRIDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

LARYNGOLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 5 p.m.—Cases and Specimens.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, West London Hospital, 8 p.m.—Clinical meeting.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN, Blackfriars, S.E.—Tuesday, 4 p.m., Senile Degeneration, Ephelis, Chloasma, Xeroderma Pigmentosum, Hydroa Vacciniforme. Friday, 4 p.m., Acanthosis Nigricans.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE.—Daily arrangements: Out-patient Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2.30 p.m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat, at noon and 4 p.m. Monday, and noon Thursday; Skin, at noon and 4 p.m. Tuesday, and noon Friday; Eye, 11 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday; Radiography, 4 p.m., Thursday Special Lecture:—Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Infections of the Digestive Tract and their Significance.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22 Chenies Street, W.C.—The following Clinical Demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Eye. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follow: Monday, The Clinical Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System; Tuesday, Some Interesting Cases of Cranial Surgery; Wednesday, The Clinical Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System; Thursday, The Diagnosis and Treatment of Renal Mobility.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—The following are the Clinics, Demonstrations, etc., for next week: Monday, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Throat, Nose, and Ear, *X* Ray; 4.30 p.m., Medical In-patient. Tuesday, 10.30 a.m., Medical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Surgical Operations, Surgical Out-patient, Gynaecological; 4.30 p.m., Lecture: Pelvic Displacements. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Skin, Eye. Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Medical and Surgical Out-patient, *X* Ray; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient. Friday, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Surgical Operations, Medical Out-patient, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient.

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CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
MARCH.	
27 FRIDAY ...	LONDON: Standing Ethical Subcommittee, 2 p.m.
28 SATURDAY ...	
29 Sunday ...	
30 MONDAY ...	
31 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Public Health Committee, 3.15 p.m.
APRIL.	
1 WEDNESDAY	UNITED KINGDOM HOSPITALS CONFERENCE, Botanical Theatre, University College, London W.C., 2 p.m. UNITED KINGDOM HOSPITALS CONFERENCE DINNER, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, W.C., 7.45 p.m. LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH, Standing Committee on Division and Branch Organization and Finance, 3, St. Peter's Square, Manchester, 4.30 p.m. SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH, Adelphi Hotel, Waterford, 3 p.m.
2 THURSDAY...	UNITED KINGDOM HOSPITALS CONFERENCE, Botanical Theatre, University College, London, W.C.; Morning Session 10.30; Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock. FOLKESTONE DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, 14, Manor Road, Folkestone, 8.30 p.m. SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION, *Edinburgh Branch*, King's Arms Hotel, 3.30 p.m.
3 FRIDAY ...	
4 SATURDAY ...	
5 Sunday ...	
6 MONDAY ...	LONDON: Naval and Military Committee, 2.30 p.m.
APRIL *(Continued).*	
7 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Organization Committee, 11 a.m. ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Board Room, University College Hospital, 4 p.m.
8 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Medico-Political Contract Practice Subcommittee. LONDON: Medico-Political Committee, 2.30 p.m. LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH, Meeting of Branch Council, Manchester Royal Infirmary 4.30 p.m. RICHMOND DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Royal Hospital, Richmond, 8.30 p.m.
9 THURSDAY...	LONDON: Hospitals Committee, 2.30 p.m. LONDON: Metropolitan Counties Branch Council, 5 p.m. ALTRINCHAM DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Greenbank Hotel, near Northwich, 4.50 p.m. EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH, Beccles. HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Business Meeting.
10 FRIDAY ...	LONDON: Central Ethical Committee, 1.30 p.m. TOTTENHAM DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch* Rooms of the Hornsey Conservative Association (opposite Finsbury Park Station), 9.15 p.m.
11 SATURDAY...	
12 Sunday ...	
13 MONDAY ...	
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